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ANSWER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

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ANSWER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

The City and County of Denver ("Denver") hereby submits this Answer in support of the approval of the Application of British Airways Plc ("British Airways") to renew its exemption to continue to provide critically needed service between Denver and London (Gatwick). In support of this Answer, Denver states as follows:

- 1. With 36 million passengers in 1998, Denver International Airport ("DIA") ranks sixth nationwide and serves the people and businesses of Denver, the State of Colorado, and the entire Inter-mountain region.
- 2. British Airways' service is Denver's only daily non-stop service to Europe and is a critical air link between the growing Denver region and overseas markets. During its first year of operations, this important service has been highly successful. In fact, British Airways commenced service using B-777 aircraft but demand has been so great that it is now using B-747s.

3. It is clearly in the public interest for Denver, the State of Colorado and the Inter-mountain region to have this critical air link to Europe maintained; British Airways has provided excellent service and is fully qualified to continue doing so; and the service is permitted under Bermuda II. Consequently, there is every reason for British Airways' Application to be approved as soon as possible and we respectfully urge the Department to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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